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Dear Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002. This is a request for a two month extension of time from March 4, 2003 to May 4, 2003. Please charge Deposit Account 50-1038 the amount of \$410.00, to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

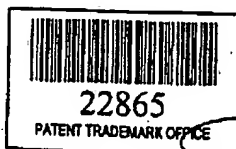
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